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**Acts 9:1-20**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Belong: (Ice Breaker):** What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?

*(Leader's note: This ice breaker is a time to share questions - not answer them directly - but to acknowledge that we all have questions!)*

*Leader's Note to Share with your group:*

*We're in a new series on the Holy Spirit called FORGOTTEN GOD. In many faith circles, the Holy Spirit doesn't get much attention. At least in the world I grew up in, that was the case. And even if the Holy Spirit got attention in your faith background, He is often misunderstood and confusing.*

*But knowing the Holy Spirit, living with the Holy Spirit, is the KEY to living a full life in God. This is about how to walk with God every day.*

These teachings will focus on WHO the Holy Spirit is and His role in our lives. Here is the outline for the next few weeks:

- Week 1: Series overview
- Week 2: The Holy Spirit's power in transformation
- Week 3: Spiritual Warfare (going to be interesting! Angels and demons)
- Week 4: The Holy Spirit empowering us to live on mission and with purpose



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**Believe:**

**Read Acts 9:1-6**

What stands out to you as this story about Saul begins to unfold?

- What do you learn about God in this story?
- How would you describe this encounter?
- What was the impact on Saul's immediate life circumstance?

**Read Acts 9:10-15**

- What more do you learn about Saul in this passage? Why do you think God chose Saul?
- What does God ask Ananias to do? Does this surprise you? Would you have had the courage to do what God told him to do? What does this reveal about Ananias?

**Read Acts 9:16-20**

- What happened when Ananias prayed for Saul?
- What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit of God?



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**Leader Note:** There may be different answers from your group and that is ok. What is important is for you to share what we teach and believe at First Orlando:

We believe that every follower of Jesus has access to the Holy Spirit. At the moment of our salvation, when we place our FAITH in Jesus and our sins are forgiven, the barrier between us and God is removed. Now God the Holy Spirit LIVES IN US.

Here's what that means – Holy Spirit the Comforter, gives us comfort. The Holy Spirit is our Guide and gives us wisdom. When we sin, the Holy Spirit is our conviction. The power of the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts to supernaturally bless others. The Holy Spirit is the felt presence of God through worship and prayer and scripture.

**Read Ephesians 5:18:**

- How does Paul (who is writing the letter to the church at Ephesus) compare being filled with the Spirit? What is the connecting idea here?
- Clarifying question: What happens when someone is drunk with wine? How does it impact their behavior? How should being filled with the Spirit of God impact our behavior?)

**Become:**

**Read Acts 9:18-20**

- What happened to Saul when he was filled with the Spirit of God? What did he do? How quick is Saul's transformation? Is this always the case in the life of a believer? Has it been true in your life? Explain your answer.



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### **Read Galatians 1:18**

- How long did it take for Paul to go up to Jerusalem to join the other Apostles after his conversion during which time he was discipled?

*“What’s interesting, Saul had an IMMEDIATE moment of transformation but then still took THREE years of growth (Galatians 1:18) before starting his ministry. It was both. God saved and transformed him in a moment, then the Holy Spirit gradually grew into the man who became the greatest gospel leader of all time.”* Pastor Trey

- What does this tell you about our own personal growth and transformation?

### **Read 1 Timothy 1:13-17**

- What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
- What does this tell you about the power of the Gospel? How does this give you hope?

*“Grace is not JUST forgiveness removing the past; the grace of God goes a step further. Not only do we leave our past behind, but we get a NEW identity. Grace cleans the slate of our past AND paves the way to a new future.”* Pastor Trey

- What is one step towards change that you would like to make today?

### **Closing:**

- Pastor Trey shared last week that prayer is the primary pathway to building a personal and experiential relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray together as a group, sharing needs, burdens, and requests.
- Encourage your group members to sign up for daily prayer texts this week - text ‘daily’ to 40777